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PRESS RELEASE

THREE MEN ARRESTED WITH ECSTASY AT FORT MYERS AIRPORT

Fort Myers, Florida – Ernst Roland Hess, age 55, of the Dominican Republic; Nicolas Gouilliart, age 36, of Santo Domingo, and Christian Faig, age 26, of Germany, were arrested Saturday at Southwest International Airport when they landed aboard an LTU flight from Dusseldorf, Germany. The individuals were in possession of 27.5 kilograms of MDMA, which is also known as "Ecstasy", having a street value in excess of \$2,000,000.00. The three were charged today by Criminal Complaint with conspiracy to import MDMA in U.S. District Court. Hess and Faig are German Nationals. Gouilliart is a French National.

The case is being investigated by the United States Customs Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert P. Barclift.